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1. U.S. Patent No. 5,723,637 issued March 3, 1998, to Tsuji et al.
 2. European Patent Application No. 1 243 585 A1 published September 25, 2002, to Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd.
 3. U.S. Patent No. 6,646,138 B2 issued November 11, 2003, to Oku et al.
 4. JP 2001-31662 issued February 6, 2001, to Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd. This application corresponds to US 2002/151730.
 5. JP 2001-270873 issued October 2 2001, to Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd., with English Abstract.

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6. JP 2001-270878 issued October 2, 2001, to Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd., with English Abstract.

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